



AATT DAG-TM Research Goals ... CE-11

"Appropriately equipped aircraft are given clearance to merge with another arrival stream, and/or maintain in-trail separation relative to a leading aircraft."

Phase 1: Self-space on an FMS arrival.

Phase 2: Self-merge with aircraft on another arrival stream.

Phase 3: Self-merge & space while free maneuvering in an arrival corridor.

Note: "free maneuvering" is limited to making small (tens of seconds) adjustments in spacing or arrival time.

Most changes are in green font.



CE-11 Tiger Team



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CE-11 Goals and Objectives



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- Increase throughput
- Maintain/increase safety
- Operationally acceptable
- Reduce controller workload
- Increase efficiency ... a bonus

Quantitative goal: 20% increase in throughput for all of AATT.

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DAG CE-11 Scenario Events: TRACON RTAs, Merging and Spacing



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Aircraft arrive at TRACON feeder fixes within ~15 seconds of scheduled time.

The scheduled time is based on the estimated time to fly to the merge point on an FMS trajectory.

Controllers + ground DST determine runway, sequence and STA at the final approach fix or runway.

Controllers clear pilots of equipped aircraft on FMS transition, a required time of arrival and a spacing interval behind an aircraft.

For <u>equipped aircraft</u>, pilots have the FMS compute a speed profile to meet the RTA.

For <u>unequipped aircraft</u>, controllers use advisory tools to assign a lateral path and speed.

Pilot engages LNAV, VNAV and assigned spacing to fly the profile. If the winds are reasonably close to those predicted, the aircraft should meet the assigned RTA.

Nominally the aircraft follows the VNAV speed profile. Capable aircraft can be cleared to self space.

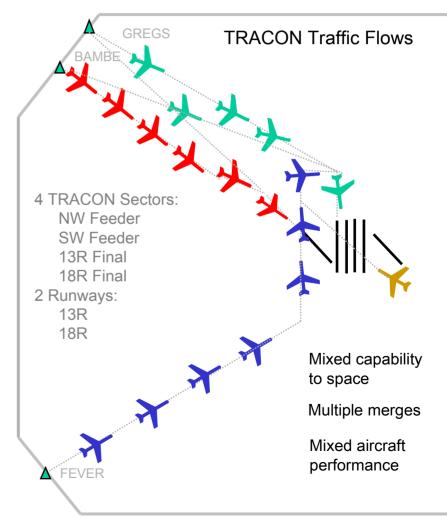
Controllers use advisory tools to support conformance monitoring.

Merge and space clearances terminate at a pre specified altitude above the runway.

Automatic information exchange:

- Broadcast aircraft ADS state.
- Broadcast descent winds to synchronize trajectory computations.
- · Downlink final approach speed
- Broadcast FMS trajectory whenever it changes

RTAs or speed advisories to meet STAs to get aircraft close then relative spacing to fine tune.





CE-11 Assumptions



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- Aircraft arrive at meter fixes within 15 seconds of schedule with runway assigned (assume schedule is computed by TMA.)
- STAs at the merge point can be used by the controller to coordinate the flows from multiple corner posts
- The sequence at the merge point is based on the sequence in each stream and a FCFS priority at the merge point. I.e. no passing within a stream.
- FMS routes exist from the meter fix to the final approach fix
- Ground and air trajectory computations are compatible
- Aircraft broadcast by ADS-B airspeed and heading approximately every thirty seconds. The ATSP and other aircraft can use this information to accurately estimate the wind along the FMS route.
- Mix of aircraft capability to self-space or not
- Mix of turboprops, small, large, B757 and heavy aircraft.
- No severe convective weather in the TRACON
- Controller is responsible for separation



CE-11 Issues and Assumed Answers



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- When are landing runways assigned? ... Assume prior to reaching the TRACON.
- When are meter fixes assigned? ... Assume prior to TOD.
- How much do aircraft have to modify their merge point ETA in the TRACON? ...
 Assume about 20 seconds maximum.
- How are RTAs communicated? ... If used, assume by datalink.
- Can aircraft downlink ETAs at the merge waypoint? ... Assume yes but
- Can equipped aircraft update their lateral path within charted constraints to meet the RTA? ... Assume not but
- Do we allow front loading? ... Assume not but
- Spacing on time history or distance? ... Assume time history.
- When are spacing clearance objectives required to be met? ... Assume at the merge point.
- Multiple RTAs? ... Assume one RTA at a time but
- CD&R required in the TRACON? ... Assume not.
- Phraseology ... Assume other aircraft call sign can be used in clearance.
- Switching from RTA to spacing ... assume switch done by controller



CE-11 Roles and Responsibilities



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TRACON RTA and spacing clearance

- Controller responsible for separation
- Flight crew can be cleared to maintain in-trail spacing, +/- buffer
- Controller can cancel clearance at any time ... redundant



CE-11 Ground-side Capability



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- Calculate a sequence and schedule for DFW runways 13R and 18R
- Provide speed and spacing advisories
- Provide trial plan capability similar to en route tool ... optional
- Provide support for detecting nonconforming aircraft
- Displays will include a timeline with fast / slow time of arrival envelope
- Displays will be capable of showing time history spacing circles
- Displays will be able to show an estimate of when spacing clearance will be met
- Display will show if aircraft are equipped for spacing and if cleared for spacing
- Controller will be able to change spacing interval

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CE-11 Air-side Capability



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Unequipped aircraft

- Circa 2003 FMS capabilities
- Broadcast their state
- Broadcast airspeed and heading for wind estimation
- Broadcast their FMS trajectory when it changes ... nice but not necessary

Equipped aircraft

- Can meet an assigned RTA by modifying their nominal speed profile
- Have guidance and displays to merge then space behind a designated aircraft
- Optionally can make minor modifications to their lateral path to meet an RTA



CE-11 Datalink



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- ADS-B ... automatic
 - Broadcast aircraft ADS state
 - Broadcast airspeed and heading for wind estimation
 - Uplinked descent winds to synchronize trajectory computations ... assume done in en route airspace
 - Broadcast FMS trajectory whenever it changes ... nice but not necessary
- CPDLC ... all optional
 - Runway
 - Lateral route
 - Speed
 - RTA
 - Lead aircraft and spacing interval

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DAG-TM CE-11 TRACON Air Space & FMS Transitions X RAMBE/ AAL003 72 248 KAGLE (|30| 187 HIKAY YOHAN GUKKA DELMO





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Acceptance of autonomous aircraft in CE-5

- The low altitude en route controllers are responsible for delivering a good flow of aircraft to the TRACON.
- Autonomous aircraft are implicitly accepted into the TRACON. (No special communication is required for a free flight aircraft to enter the TRACON.)

Handoff to the TRACON

- Arrivals for DFW 13R or 18R are handed off to Regional Approach at 118.1
- Arrivals for DAL 13L are handed off to Regional Approach 119.87

When aircraft can be worked by the TRACON.

 The TRACON may start working aircraft when they are within approximately 10 nm of the TRACON boundary.

Update



Experimental Conditions



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- Traffic scenarios to test/stress the system
- Non conforming aircraft
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- Flow upsetting event ... for example, change spacing matrix
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Challenges



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- En route / TRACON traffic flow ... "impedance match"
- How to cope with nonconforming aircraft.
- How to build a gap for a missed approach.
- How to cope with a change in the wake vorix spacing matrix or other flow upsetting event.
- Load balancing occasional aircraft from another meter fix ... pFAST.
- Front loading
- Dependant runway operations

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Self-spacing speed guidance



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- The self-spacing guidance commands about a 5 knot change in speed for each 1 second of spacing error.
- The change in commanded speed is limited to ~30 knots from the nominal speed profile.
- Self-spacing command speed is relative to the speed of the lead aircraft when it was at ownships current distance from the runway
- Maximum commanded speed is limited to 250 knots below 10,800 ft.
- Minimum commanded speed is limited to 150 knots.
- The self-spacing guidance will reduce spacing errors by approximately 20 seconds between BAMBE and POPPA.



Things to do:



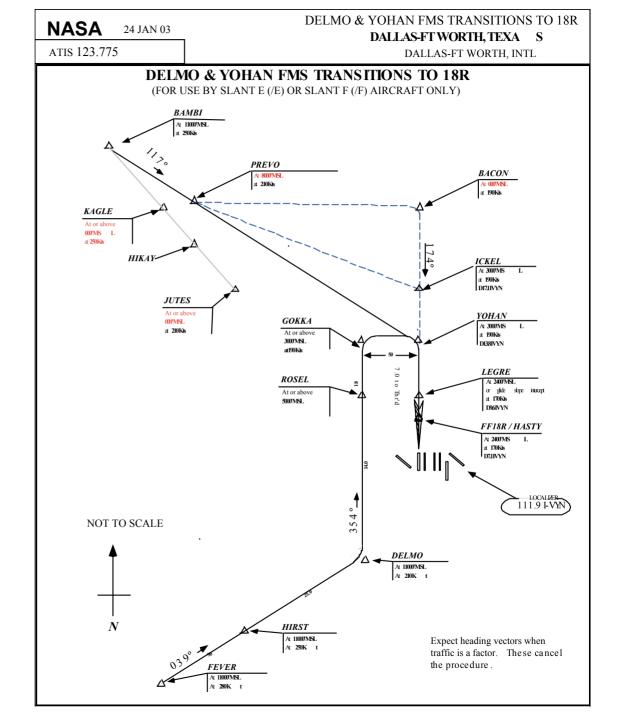
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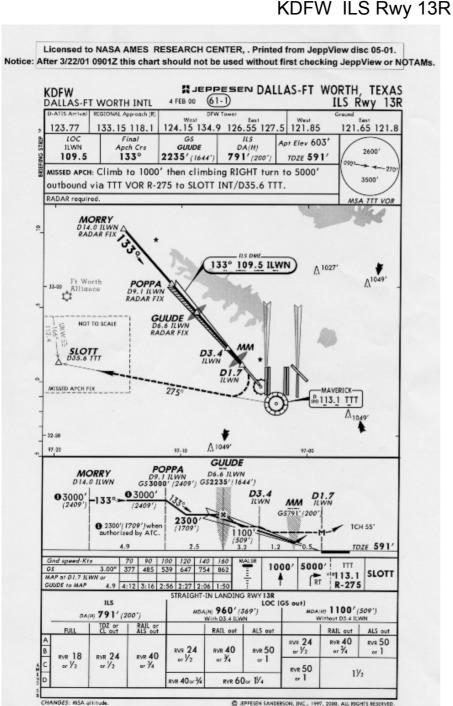
- Check on TMA & pFAST capabilities for scheduling
- Check on the compatibility of CE-11 with TMA & pFAST
- Determine nominal flying times from meter fixes to runways
- Calculate through put with various aircraft mixes and arrival time accuracy
- Revisit delay balancing (front loading) analysis
- Perform throughput analysis ... monte carlo study
- Software
 - Trajectory computations
 - Guidance to "intercept localizer"
 - Provisional trajectories for ETA and STA calculations
 - Speed advisories to meet STAs
 - Lateral trial plan
 - CPDLC

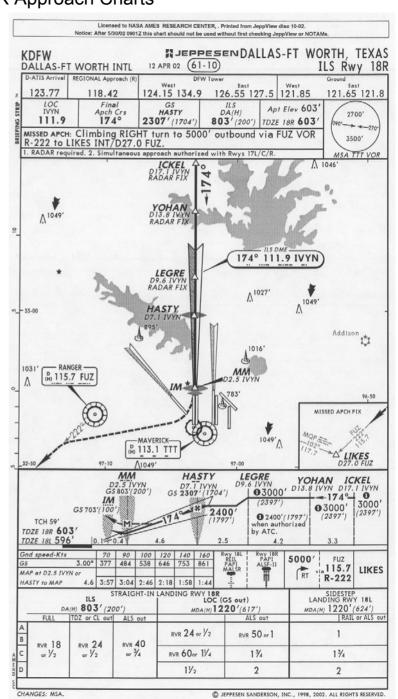
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DELMO and YOHAN FMS Transitions to 18R

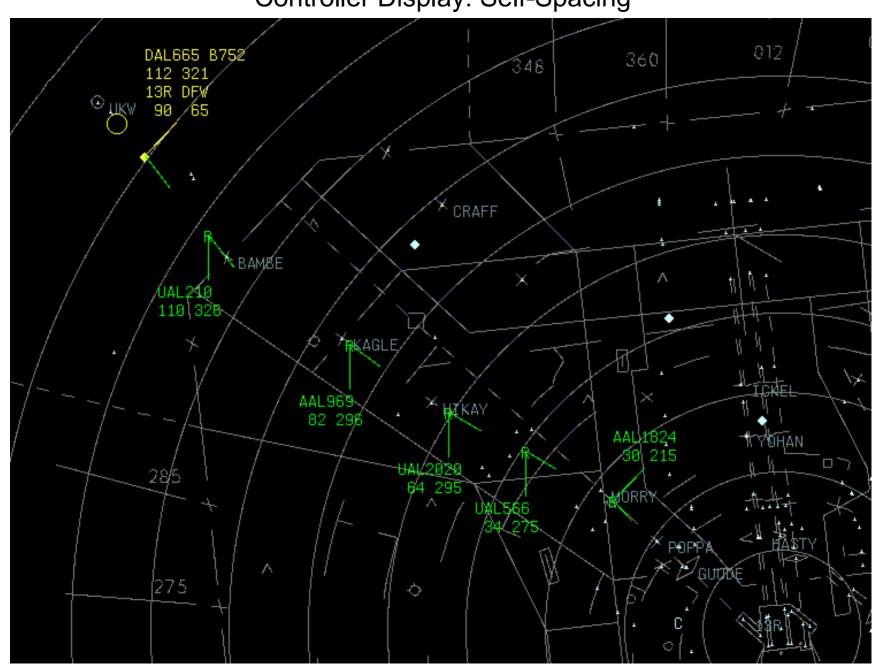


KDFW ILS Rwy 13R & 18R Approach Charts





Controller Display: Self-Spacing





TRACON Datablock



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Normal datablock

AAL1231 01 282

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Expanded datablock

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The cursor is dwelling on the datablock of DAL665.

The orange circle shows where UAL210 was 90 seconds ago.

Update this screen snap with current datablock